

NATIONAL LAWMAKERS.

THE HOUSE TRYING TO ARRANGE FOR A HOLIDAY RECESS.

The Appropriation Bill Called Up—Senator Paine Offers Some Amendments to the Elections Bill—The Dolph Resolution.

SENATE.

There were only eight Senators present this morning at the opening of the Senate. The Morgan resolution calling for information relative to the payment of claims of John I. Davenport as superior of elections and as Circuit Court commissioner was taken up.

In this connection Mr. Hearl before the Senate a communication received from Davenport calling attention to charges made against him in the Senate and urging himself as a witness under oath to any committee desiring to examine him.

Mr. Morgan trusted that the Senate from Massachusetts would offer a resolution to investigate the conduct of Davenport, as requested by the committee.

Mr. Hearl replied that he had not considered the matter. He merely presented the matter for the information of the Senate.

Mr. Morgan believed that when Mr. Davenport was asked an investigation it should be conducted.

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MICHAEL DAVITT HURT.

THE IRISH LEADER WOUNDED IN A MELEE AT BALLYNAHILL.

He and Parrell Addressed Rival Meetings and a Riot Ensued—Fighting at the Head of His Followers—Intense Excitement in Dublin.

DUBLIN, Dec. 16.—

Intense excitement has been created here by the receipt of news of a serious conflict at Ballynahill and the wounding of Michael Davitt.

Mr. Parrell was addressing a meeting at that place to-day, while at the same place and time another meeting was being addressed by Messrs. Davitt and Tanner.

So close together were the meetings placed that the voices of the orators of one party were plainly audible to those of the other.

The speeches were of a most violent character, and the words of the speakers were interrupted by cheers, insulting jeers and defiant cries.

Mr. Parrell's appearance was the signal for a meeting of the kind, and the arrival of his adherents.

The arrival of the latter, coupled with the palling tactics of their opponent, seemed to excite the Parrellites to fury, and with a wild and sudden rush they threw themselves upon the opposition meeting.

Jumping from the speaker's platform, Mr. Parrell and Tanner, with the priests by their sides, placed themselves at the head of their friends, and fighting desperately and fiercely drove back the attacking Parrellites. Sticks, clubs and stones were freely used, and Davitt, while in the front of his supporters, received a severe scalp wound. Many others are known to have been more or less severely injured, but nothing more than the most meagre details are yet to hand.

SITTING BULL'S DEATH.

The War Department Receives Many Dispatches Regarding It.

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AMUSEMENTS.

"The Rivals" at the National.

In all the years since the first production of the wonderful comedy of Henry James, the actor who played the part of the best farce, the best comic opera, and the grandest oration of his time, it is doubtful if "The Rivals" ever had a worthier representation than that of last evening.

The highest praise tribute to the versatile and immortal genius of Richard Brinsley Sheridan, the wit and humor of his comedy, and the perfect execution of a hundred and twenty years ago can still move an American audience to mirth and laughter.

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A BICYCLE RIDER INJURED.

The Driver of the Wagon in the Police Court.

Thomas Porter was on trial in the Police Court this morning for reckless driving. On the morning of the 8th instant Porter, who drives a wagon for the Great Falls Ice Company, ran over and badly injured Miss Kate Fletcher, at the corner of 10th and Franklin streets.

Miss Fletcher, who was riding a bicycle, said that she saved the driver of the wagon plenty of time to pass her, but he was driving at a rapid rate of speed.

A number of other witnesses who saw the accident, and who might have been called, avoided. Mr. Key measured the distance between the curb and the bicycle and found it to be eight feet.

Porter, in his defense, explained that Miss Fletcher seemed to have lost control of her bicycle, and that he was in the same direction that he did, and that it was almost impossible to get out of the way.

In